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- 1.) Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2.) Form PTO-1449, including 2 documents; and
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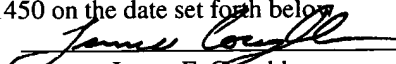
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Applicants and their attorney are aware of the following publications listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3), Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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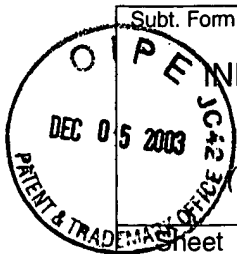
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